

## EVIL OF DIVORCE HIT BY FORCEFUL CHICAGO ORATOR

**Anthony Matre, Who Was Knighted by Pope, Pleads for Men of the Type of Columbus.**

**ADDRESSES A BIG AUDIENCE**

**Defends Catholic System of Education at Interesting Public Exercises Held at Theatre.**

"Statistics disclose that during a period of 20 years over 1,000,000 divorces have been granted in this country," declared Anthony Matre, R. S. G., Chicago, in his address at the Columbus day exercises last evening at 8 o'clock at the Illinois theatre, in discussing the evils of the times and the urgent need for men of the type of the discoverer of this country to combat them.

"We have 1,000 courts in this land whose authority is daily invoked to disrupt the marriage tie," he continued. "We pay judges to do nothing else but to destroy the unit of society—to break asunder what God Himself has joined together. Just think of it! The breaking up of over a million homes, the scattering broadcast of millions of innocent children, who look upon father and mother with scorn and abhorrence for whom the beautiful name, Home, Sweet Home, has no charm. What should we do? We should build up a strong wall—we should encourage the enactment of rigid laws that will stem this frightful evil which is sapping at the very vitals of our nation."

"Immorality is rampant everywhere. We find it in the music, the indecent picture show, the indecent and suggestive poster postcards, the dance halls and other agents of hell whose mission is to corrupt the hearts and minds of our people, especially the young."

**Godless Teaching.**

"Godless education is sweeping over the land, and he has a dull ear who cannot hear the mutterings of a coming storm. The religion of Jesus Christ has no place in many of the secular schools and colleges of our land, and in most secular universities some frightened, very frightened teachers are being impaled."

The speaker pointed out the false teachings in many of the secular universities where professors had been heard to tell students that the Ten Commandments were no longer sacred; that an immoral act is just a sin, but only trifles disgraced upon the people caught and even those schools professor told his students that Jesus Christ made many mistakes. "With such conditions existing, conditions pointed out by non-Catholics themselves, what service can we expect for religion from the pupils and students graduating from these schools and institutions?" inquired the orator.

**Catholic Education.**

Continuing he said: "We read in Holy Scripture that the Scribes and the Pharisees one day sent some of their disciples to Jesus for the purpose of trapping Him. They asked Him this question: 'Master, is it lawful to pay tribute to Caesar or not?' The Master, knowing their funding and their malice, said: 'Give to Caesar the coin with which you pay your tribute. They handed Him a piece of money. Jesus, looking upon the coin, said: 'Whose image is this?' They said: 'Caesar's.' Then Jesus said to them:

**SPEAKERS HEARD ON COLUMBUS PROGRAM**



## REUNION PLANNED BY WERTZ FAMILY

**Four Hundred Members of Association Are Expected to Gather at Des Moines This Month.**

The Wertz Family association of America will hold its fifth annual reunion at Des Moines, Iowa, from Oct. 21 to 26, inclusive, with headquarters at the Savery hotel. This association is unique as it is the largest organization of its kind in the world, numbering over a thousand members from every state in the union. The Wertz association was formed at Rock Island, where the first reunion was held in October, 1911, by Estelle Ryan Snyder of Chicago, who has been president of the organization all of that time.

The knowledge of a vast inheritance left by the famous Field Marshal Paul Wertz to his heirs, and confiscated by the Netherlands government, brought the Wertz kindred together for the first time with the hope that they could connect their genealogy with that of Field Marshal Wertz, who was also the Baron or Grohman. After establishing this connection it was the intention of the Wertz heirs to bring suit for recovery of the inheritance, which has grown to be the greatest private fortune in the world. Mrs. Snyder spent three months in Europe searching for the necessary records to establish the claim.

The great European war has made any further steps in regard to the recovery of the inheritance, at this time, impossible. While a number of the Wertz were interested in the fortune, the impossibility of its recovery, at the time, has so greatly dampened their enthusiasm in their organization now as has the largest membership, having over 250 members. Each state has an auxiliary body with a president, who is a vice president in the mother organization.

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**Gives to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."**

"That's what our Catholic schools are doing. Once upon the face of a little child will ask yourself the question: 'Whose image is this?' The answer will be, 'Tis God's image, and we answer with the blessed Saviour: 'They give to God what belongs to God.' It is for this reason Catholics support their own schools. They believe in a thorough education of the child. Their belief is that it is not sufficient to teach a child only the Three H's, while our public schools are teaching, but that whether it may be taught, namely the H that stands for Religion, the H that stands for the Catholic school and support their own schools. Because of this fact, Catholics have been frequently described as being enemies of the public schools. We are not enemies of the public schools, nor of public school teachers, nor of thousands of teachers.

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**Taxes Paid by Catholics.**

According to the report of the U. S. bureau of education, about 15

1612, the cost per capita for a pupil attending the public schools was \$2.50. The total sum expended that year for the children attending the public schools in the United States was \$21,548,575. This money was raised by taxation of all the people. Now, since the Catholics constitute one-sixth of the population of the United States, they contributed one-sixth of the sum required for the maintenance of the public schools, amounting to a total of \$46,924,296.

In addition to this, Catholics are educating their own children to the number of 1,416,200. If these children were educated in the public schools—where they have a full right to receive their education—it would cost the nation \$53,087,253 additional. Besides paying therefore taxes to the amount of \$6,742,000 which goes to the public school fund, Catholics save the nation an addition of \$55,297,253. Suppose the Catholics of this country were to close their 4,858 parish schools today, what would happen? Why, we would never have enough in our public schools to take care of the great army of children now being educated in Catholic schools. It would be necessary to build hundreds of additional school houses, and engage the services of thousands of teachers.

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**Plans for Her Children.**

So she goes on with her plans for

the children, Ann, John, the oldest, is

a boy of most. She shall have

a musical education.

"There is no little for me to say,"

she said in the office of her lawyer, Thomas E. Marshall, whose enduring fight won the big check for her only after he had overturned three separate state laws as unconstitutional.

"I am going to cover the money

right way. I deposited it in the Central Trust company of Illinois and will put it in Chicago bonds of some kind.

"Then I shall go back to Pasadena for the winter. My health is so much improved there. Next year I shall re-

turn to Longwood, where my people are. That is where we were married, John and I, and, of course, that is where I shall live."

**Loyalty to Country.**

The speaker then discussed Catholi-

cism and their two-fold allegiance. He

maintained that allegiance to the pope

was merely extended to matters of

religion and that in civil matters the

Catholics give unswerving loyalty to

our country. The speaker then dia-

logized knightly by the pope

himself, but I would refuse, even on

the pope's command, if such a com-

mand were made, to bear arms against

my beloved country—against the Star

Spangled Banner. Yes, the cardinals

and bishops in their cathedrals, as well

as the unlettered priests in the wayside

chapels, will be ready to melt the sacred

rites of the altar, if necessary, to

save the Stars and Stripes."

Mr. Matre discussed the part which

Catholics have played in the history

of this country and pointed to their

loyalty to Uncle Sam in the war

against Spain, one of the most Catho-

lic countries in the world. He showed

that it was Catholic Rangers, Bos-

ton, who was the first to die for his

country of Vera Cruz, Mexico, a short

time ago.

He quoted from Archbishop Ireland:

"The Irish are ever with us, but not

all are in the auxiliaries," in speaking

of the prejudices of some who would

reducce Catholics because of their

religion. He encouraged the church, her

trials and triumphs through the ages

and of her brave defenders, mentioned

especially Alfonso, patron saint of the

Knights of Columbus council of Rock

Island, whom he called a "second

Christopher Columbus—a Christ bear-

"It was he who founded Catholicity

in the west and became the first

viceroy general in the United States. For

32 years he labored among the Indian

tribes and poured the consoling

waters of baptism over 10,000 Indians."

**Message to Non-Catholics.**

In closing Mr. Matre gave the fol-

lowing message to the non-Catholics:

"And to my non-Catholic friends as-

sembled here tonight to celebrate with

us Landing day, I have this message

to give: You will find the Knights of

Columbus and the Catholics of your

city—like the K. of C. and the Catho-

lics everywhere—honest, conscientious

and law-abiding. Like you they are

giving the best that is within them to

promote the common weal. You will

find them ready to cooperate with you

in all movements affecting the inter-

ests of humanity, ready to combat with

you, all the evils which are menacing

society at large. You will find them

at all times loyal and devoted citizens

—because of their Catholic faith, they

could not be otherwise. They wel-

come you to visit their churches, their

schools and their institutions—all of

them are open for your inspection.

"Yes, you will find that your Catho-

lic fellow citizens love and serve

their country and their God with their

cause of the shortage of school buildings. Supposing Cardinal Farley were to close today the parish schools of New York and would request the city to take care of the 71,228 children attending the parish schools, what would happen?

"Do these facts not disclose that Catholics are great friends of education and that they are making tremendous financial sacrifices? And as to our schools and colleges—they are the equal and oftentimes have been proven to be the superior, in the secular schools of this country—as has been, on many occasions, evidenced in competitive examinations.

Christopher Columbus.

"Tonight we are carried off in spirit to beautiful Italy. Almost five centuries ago, there was born there, in the humble home of a wood carver, a little child. We see a pious mother teaching this child to top the sweet names of Jesus and Mary. We see a youth reading the lofty cliffs of beautiful Geneva, gazing out far into the sea—dreaming of undiscovered lands. At the age of 19 he becomes a fearless mariner, braving with a desire to search out unknown lands where the light of faith might be spread. He needs ships to carry out his heart's desire. He explains his plan to kings and rulers, only to meet with discouragement—with defeat.

"Weary and footsore, almost in despair, we see him sitting one day by the wayside—weeping. He hears the sound of a bell. Lifting himself up he follows the sound which leads him to the Dominican convent of LaRabida. He seeks admittance and begs for food and shelter for himself and son. Father Perez, the kindly prior—the confessor of the queen—graciously receives him. He listens to the stories of his sufferings and to the story of his life of hope. He becomes interested and introduces him to the king and queen of Spain. Then we hear those memorable words of the queen: 'I will give my jewels as a pledge to help this man to carry out his plans.' Ships are built; Christopher Columbus, aided by Isabella the Catholic, sailed from Palos, Spain, Aug. 3, 1492, was a memorable day in the history of Palos, Columbus and 129 companions attended mass, received holy communion from the hands of Juan Perez, and under the singing of the Te Deum and the Salve Regale, their banners were blessed. Christopher Columbus, aided by Isabella the Catholic, sailed from Palos, Spain, Aug. 3, 1492, was a memorable day in the history of Palos, Columbus and 129 companions attended mass, received holy communion from the hands of Juan Perez, and under the singing of the Te Deum and the Salve Regale, their banners were blessed. Christopher Columbus, aided by Isabella the Catholic, sailed from Palos, Spain, Aug. 3, 1492, was a memorable day in the history of Palos, Columbus and 129 companions attended mass, received holy communion from the hands of Juan Perez, and under the singing of the Te Deum and the Salve Regale, their banners were blessed. Christopher Columbus, aided by Isabella the Catholic, sailed from Palos, Spain, Aug. 3, 1492, was a memorable day in the history of Palos, Columbus and 129 companions attended mass, received holy communion from the hands of Juan Perez, and under the singing of the Te Deum and the Salve Regale, their banners were blessed. Christopher Columbus, aided by Isabella the Catholic, sailed from Palos, Spain, Aug. 3, 1492, was a memorable day in the history of Palos, Columbus and 129 companions attended mass, received holy communion from the hands of Juan Perez, and under the singing of the Te Deum and the Salve Regale, their banners were blessed. Christopher Columbus, aided by Isabella the Catholic, sailed from Palos, Spain, Aug. 3, 1492, was a memorable